Foreign Exchange earnings by Noida export Processing zone

1138. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the foreign exchange earnings by Noida Export Processing Zone till the end of 1988;

(b) what has been the foreign exchange outgo for the same period; and

(c) what has been the repatriation of profits by the foreign companies in the NOIDA Export Processing Zone for the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The Foreign exchange earnings till the end of 1988 by the Noida Export Prosessing Zone has been about Rs. 39.28 crores.

(b) The Foreign exchange outgo till the end of 1988 has been about Rs. 19.54 crores.

(c) There has been no repatriation of profits by any foreign company so far in the NOIDA Export Processing Zone.

Investment of foreign capitals in Free Trade Zones in India

1139. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total foreign capital invested in the Free Trade Zones in our country; and

(b) how many units in the Free Trade Zones are meeting all the objectives for which these units were created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Total foreign capital (including NRI) invested in all six Free Trade Zones is about Rs. 18.94 crores.

(b) Units in Free Trade Zones have to operate within the conditions stipulated in their respective letters of approval. The operation of Zone units is monitored towards achieving these objectives and appropriate steps are taken where called for in this regard.

Permission to import banned items to the industries in free trade zones

1140. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow the units established in the Free Trade Zones to import the items that are banned under our import guidelines; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Babri Masjid-Ram Janam Bhoomi controversy

1141. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister af HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nine prominent political leaders of the country, mainly from Leftist parties have written a letter to the Prime Minister expressing their concern over the inaction of Government over the Babri Masjid Ram Janam Bhoomi controversy and seeking his intervention in the matter; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and his reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A letter signed by Sarvashri E. M. S. Namboodi-